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REGIONAL REVIEW

Reaching new heights in the region



WELCOME
DR. DENNIS GEORGE
Associate Provost for
Regional Higher Education

What an exciting time to be a student at one of WKU's [Regional Campuses](#). As you can see from this newsletter, we continue to bring more of the WKU experience to the entire Southcentral

Kentucky region. Regional campuses faculty and staff are dedicated to delivering the highest quality educational and co-curricular experiences to all of our students from the time they first inquire until they are walking across the stage at commencement. I'm sure you'll enjoy reading about some of the "happenings" at the regional campuses. Also, if you've never taken the opportunity to visit us in either [Elizabethtown](#), [Glasgow](#), or [Owensboro](#), please do. We're extremely proud of our facilities and we just love to show them off. So, come on by when you get a chance.

DOWN-HOME GATHERING ON THE HILL



Following the President's convocation in August, WKU Regional Campuses hosted a meet and greet at WKU's Faculty House. Remarks and the introduction of Dr. Brad Kissell, director of Adult & Regional Campuses Enrollment, took place. Attendees were greeted with live music by Bruce Kessler. Guests enjoyed good conversation and a southern style brunch.

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ONE UNIVERSITY. FOUR CONVENIENT CAMPUSES.



MEET DR. BRAD KISSELL

Dr. Kissell began his enrollment career as a student recruiter while completing his bachelor's degree in the mid 80s. Since that time, he has served in leadership roles within as well as overseen the divisions of enrollment management, marketing, adult studies, and institutional technology for private nonprofit colleges and universities. He has collaborated with faculty and staff to create academic and co-curricular programs designed to meet the needs of learners. He has helped institutions grow undergraduate and graduate, traditional and post-traditional (adult learner) enrollment through innovative recruitment, retention, and financial aid leveraging initiatives. In addition to his service in higher education, he has worked with a number of nonprofit organizations as a consultant on issues of strategic planning, board development, recruitment and retention, and branding. Dr. Kissell has also taught a variety of management and marketing courses at the undergraduate and graduate level and has served as a dissertation mentor to doctoral students. Dr. Kissell left higher education a few years ago to spend more time with aging family members and to move to Tennessee where he and his wife currently reside. Presently, Dr. Kissell serves as the director of Adult & Regional Campuses Enrollment for Western Kentucky University.



CHAT WITH THE CHANCELLOR

DR. SALLY RAY

WKU Glasgow
Regional Chancellor

Since this regional campus was first established, WKU Glasgow has been the university of choice for literally thousands of citizens in south central and southeastern Kentucky. Students choose WKU Glasgow for many reasons. For example, this campus provides many students with the chance to stay home reducing the need for residence hall expenses and meal plans. It also allows those students to remain in the workforce and involved in their communities, churches and other organizations. Finally, being close to home, WKU Glasgow provides students with a sense of a



safe place to attend college. Overall, regional students want a campus environment, with smaller class sizes and easy access – all of which WKU Glasgow provides.

SAVE THE DATE



WKU Glasgow Graduand Ceremony

A pre-commencement ceremony

Thursday, December 3
6:30 p.m.

Glasgow Plaza Theatre

115 E Main Street
Glasgow, Kentucky

For more information
click [here](#).

WKU Glasgow is currently engaged in two major initiatives to further increase the campus' positive impact on the region. This fall, WKU Glasgow opened the [WKU Glasgow Military Student Services Center](#). This is the same program that was opened on WKU Bowling Green's campus in 2011 - with tremendous success. Its mission

is the same - to provide individual support for the nearly 21,000 active-duty military, retirees, veterans, Guard and dependents. The WKU Glasgow Military Student Services Center will be under the direction of Tonya Archey – who also directs the Bowling Green Military Student Services Center.

A second initiative addresses the region's workforce needs. WKU Glasgow is leading a major workforce project among employers and other economic development officials to improve the number of college degrees in our region. This will produce a more stable, well-trained and productive workforce for business and industry. Of course, sustainable change can only occur through creative partnerships among the business and education sectors. Therefore, working in collaboration with [SKYCTC](#) Glasgow, the [Glasgow-Barren County Industrial Development Economic Authority](#) and a select group of business executives, WKU Glasgow hosted a summit in November 2014. The summit focused on the skills and competencies needed



in today's workforce. The outcome of that summit was a regional study - currently in progress and funded through BRADD. The primary focus of this research is to identify the skills, knowledge and competencies needed, clarify any gaps, and then establish training and degree programs to eliminate the gaps and strengthen the workforce in the region.

Deeply rooted in WKU's Challenging the Spirit Action Plan, WKU Glasgow's strategic plan is guiding all efforts to serve the region. This plan will provide clarity and direction in uncertain times as we build on our strengths, overcome existing challenges, take full advantage of exciting opportunities which will empower the citizens of Kentucky and improve the quality of life for all of us.

CAMPUS NEWS

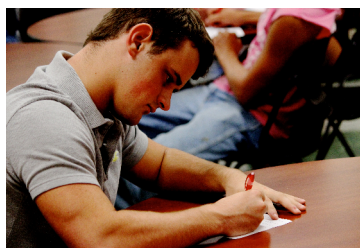
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- WKU Glasgow hosted a grand opening ceremony for the new Military Student Services Center on September 2nd. Read more [here](#).



- Only at WKU Glasgow can high school students receive the opportunity to take dual credit courses at WKU Glasgow's campus for a reduced rate of \$160 as compared to \$210. This has led to partner high schools sending students to WKU Glasgow to be full-time college students as they complete their senior year of high school.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS



- WKU Glasgow hosted an inaugural New Student Orientation on August 20th to welcome new students to WKU Glasgow and help prepare students to be successful at WKU.

- WKU Glasgow hosted the second annual "Welcome Back WKU Glasgow" on August 26, which allowed community businesses and organizations to share information and resources with students.

- WKU Glasgow kicked off the school year with the second annual "Back to School Bash" sponsored by Service One Credit Union to welcome back students on September 2nd.

- WKU's Office of Admissions hosted an Open House at WKU Glasgow on October 1st for prospective students hoping to attend WKU Bowling Green or Glasgow next fall.

- WKU's Barren County Alumni Chapter will host the annual Chili & Cheese Pep Rally in November.

NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

- Mr. Kevin Adams, Instructor of Public Health
- Mrs. Trini Stickle, Instructor of English
- Dr. Rostern Tembo, Instructor of Biology
- Mrs. Janette Wilson, Instructor of Math

AWESOME ACHIEVEMENTS

- Dr. Krisstal Clayton, Pedagogical Assistant Professor, General Experimental Psychology, was the recipient for the Teaching Award from the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences.

- Dr. Dana Sullivan, BSW Program Director and Interim Field Director, was the recipient of the 2015 Faculty Excellent in Research/Creativity Award from the College of Health and Human Services.

DID YOU KNOW?

WKU Glasgow serves students from seventeen counties in Kentucky as well as in Tennessee.

CHAMPION'S CORNER



MEET: MELANIE ASRIEL, INSTRUCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Job description: I am the full-time Psychological Sciences instructor at WKU Glasgow. I teach a wonderful variety of ten courses. Most of them are taught in rotation, but I teach two sections of Lifespan Development every semester. My students include dual-credit students, psychological sciences majors and minors, graduate and professional school bound students, and those returning to college after decades spent in other pursuits. In addition, I serve as the faculty advisor to the WKU Glasgow Psychology Club. This allows me to help extremely committed students explore in depth their personal interests in the psychological sciences and related career paths.

Achievements: I was recently selected for participation in the Ogden Faculty Learning Community. Over the next two years, this diverse group will investigate current research in learning and memory. Subsequently, we will work to improve our courses by employing techniques that research shows increase learning. I was nominated for the 2014 Ogden College Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching.

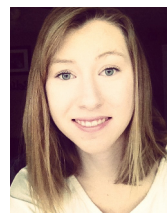
What gets me excited about coming to work: Teaching is my *raison d'être*. I love to learn. I love to be around people who are learning. I have the luxury of having new students every semester and building relationships with psychological sciences majors that grow over years. My courses include the study of basic science as well as applied science that can help students improve their lives and relationships. My students seem to enjoy both learning the scientific concepts and the relevance those concepts have on their lives.

Most memorable moment(s) at WKU: I teach Behavioral Neuroscience; we dissect sheep brains as a component of the course. These dissection labs are always memorable! The curiosity and cooperation the students show is exemplary learning. The WKU Glasgow Graduation Ceremonies, held at the end of each semester, are always a highlight. Informal

moments like marching in Homecoming parades with students are also wonderful shared memories.

Advice/words to live by: On my office door is an Isaac Asimov quote: "Anti-intellectualism has been a constant thread winding its way through our political and cultural life, nurtured by the false notion that democracy means that 'my ignorance is just as good as your knowledge.'" I chose to study experimental psychology because of my basic belief in the virtue and veracity of science. Although it may seem paradoxical, this conviction is what led me to the career choice of instructor at WKU Glasgow. I believe that in order for science to make a real difference in society, ordinary people who work outside of research labs must comprehend it. Teaching the psychological sciences to students at a regional campus is a frontline for science education.

MEET: KELSEY O'LEARY, STUDENT



Major: Middle Grades Mathematics

Why did you choose WKU Glasgow? I chose WKU Glasgow because it was close to home and from the moment I set foot in the door it was comforting due to the warm atmosphere the faculty, staff and students showed

towards both me and one another.

What do you plan to do with your education? I plan to make learning math fun and exciting when I teach kids. I want to see them excited and eager to learn something new and hopefully spark their interest in something that they enjoy.

Achievements: I am currently a Highlander and I have been on the President's list each semester I have attended Western.

What gets me excited about coming to school: I am excited to come to school everyday because I love to learn new things and get challenged to do my best. I have made many friends and have been given many opportunities that I would not have otherwise been given the chance to have. I also enjoy working at the front desk and interacting with students, faculty and staff on campus.

Most memorable moment(s) at WKU: My most memorable moment at WKU would have to be going on the Kentucky Experience trip and traveling throughout Kentucky with fellow classmates and instructors. We had many laughs and stories that we gathered on the way. We grew closer as a family.

Advice/words to live by: Do not wait until the last minute to complete things because time can slowly creep up on you. However, at the same time appreciate and take in moments you have now and live each part to its fullest.



MEET: ROBERT BROWN, STUDENT

Major: Elementary Education

Why did you choose WKU Glasgow? I chose WKU Glasgow because they allowed me to work full-time while still completing my education. Being a

husband and a dad to two boys, working was a necessity. WKU Glasgow was also close to home so it allowed me to attend classes and be home quickly when needed.

What do you plan to do with your education?

Majoring in Elementary Education, I would like to become a teacher. I am currently doing my student teaching and I love it! My ultimate goal is to become an administrator within the school system such as Principal.

Achievements: In 2013, I became a Highlander (Student Ambassador). Being accepted for this position has really broadened my participation with school and community events. I am fortunate enough to participate in numerous events each semester including the annual Topper Twenty event and the Graduation ceremony. This position has also opened many doors for me that may not have possible such as meeting superintendents of school districts and important personnel within the school. This position has also allowed me to build a strong relationship with

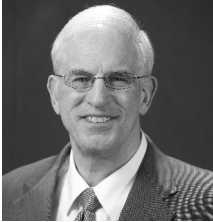
the WKU Glasgow faculty & staff by working closely with them during events.

What gets me excited about coming to school: I am definitely a lifelong learner and I strive for new knowledge every day. Each day, I want to learn something new and, if possible, teach somebody else something new. I truly love getting up in the morning and being able to come to school because I know that each day is a step closer to my ultimate goal of becoming a teacher.

Most memorable moment(s) at WKU? One of my most memorable moments while at WKU Glasgow was participating in the Glasgow Christmas parade with Big Red. A fellow Highlander and I escorted Big Red through the streets of Glasgow while waving the Red Towel and hearing the chants of "Go Big Red!" echoing off of the buildings on the town square. It seemed like the entire crowd was cheering for WKU as Big Red passed by and we were able to meet a lot of alumni and fans.

Advice/words to live by: My best piece of advice comes from a mentor, former coach and friend of mine. I played football in high school and this man was a coach for a rival team. During this time, I had no idea that he even knew my name. Years after I graduated high school, I began selling motorcycles. It was a fun job, but I wanted more. This former coach, now school principal, came in and called me by my first name. We talked about football, school and life experiences. He mentioned that he followed me in school and thought that I would do more. Of course this resonated with me. Before he left that day, he said, "It is okay to do what you have to do, until it comes time to do what you were meant to do." This line has encouraged me to go back to school and finish my education. The person responsible for this quote was Mr. Jeff Richey, Principal at Hiseville Elementary School.





CHAT WITH THE CHANCELLOR

DR. GENE TICE

WKU Owensboro
Regional Chancellor

WKU Owensboro and the Owensboro community have made big strides in expanding International Reach. This summer I had the opportunity, along with five others from the Owensboro community, to participate in a trip to China. The trip, sponsored by the [Confucius Institute](#), allowed us to be immersed in Chinese culture and bring back new ideas to Owensboro. In partnership with the Confucius Institute, we will have three new Chinese teachers teaching in our city and county school systems. We will also be creating a display on our campus to highlight Traditional Chinese Medicine, through a \$20,000 gift from the Confucius Institute.



SAVE THE DATE



The Civil War in Daviess County: A Woman's Perspective

Presented by: Aloma Dew

**Thursday, November 12
7:00 p.m.**

WKU Owensboro
Badgett Conference Center

For more information,
please contact our office.

WKU Owensboro continues to emphasize the importance of higher education in the Owensboro community and is proud to be helping students achieve their educational and career goals. We, as a campus, are committed to helping students find careers in Owensboro and surrounding communities or move up within their organizations.

I would like to welcome our newest faculty member, Whitney Harper, to the Owensboro campus. Whitney comes to us from Grand Rapids Community College in Grand Rapids, Michigan and we are excited to have her join us at WKU.

We look forward to seeing the successes of our students, faculty, staff and alumni during the coming months.

CAMPUS NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- WKU Owensboro staff have been working to bring WKU Spirit to the L. Reid Haire Administration Building through artwork in the hallways. The WKU Fight Song and WKU's alma mater, "College Heights," line two sections of wall and photographs from local and university photographers are intermingled, tying the Owensboro and Bowling Green campus communities together. There is also an International Reach Wall, focusing on students and staff who have studied or traveled abroad and displaying the reach of the WKU Owensboro community across the world.



ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS



-WKU Owensboro presented Holocaust Remembrance Week, April 13-16. This included a display in the WKU Owensboro library; presentation by

WKU Owensboro staff and faculty member, Kevin Dorth; and faculty librarian, Jennifer Joe, a documentary showing and presentation from Holocaust survivor, Sonja DuBois.



- WKU Owensboro sponsored the June Owensboro Chamber of Commerce Rooster

Booster Breakfast. Dr. Gary Ransdell was the featured speaker. Susan Free, WKU Owensboro Student Service Coordinator, talked about current events on the Owensboro campus.



- WKU Owensboro hosted its fifth commencement ceremony on Monday, May 18, 2015. Students and their families, along with WKU faculty and staff, enjoyed

celebrating the accomplishments of graduates at the ceremony held at the Owensboro RiverPark Center. Dr. Gordon Emslie gave the commencement address. Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies recipient, Lisa Fulkerson, gave the student salutation and Alma Randolph was the featured vocalist.

- WKU Owensboro hosted its second Transfer Day on March 26. Students had the opportunity to meet with academic and financial aid advisors, tour the campus and receive assistance with the admissions application on-site. Twenty-one students completed admissions applications during this event.

- Approximately 181 students from WKU Owensboro and OCTC participated in DLI during the 2014-2015 academic year. The [Dynamic Leadership Institute](#) is designed to teach students the interpersonal skills and knowledge needed to engage in various leadership roles on campus, within the community, and in their future. The successful Dynamic Leadership Institute year culminated with a luncheon for those who had completed the DLI phases.

- WKU Owensboro and WKU PMBA hosted the Leadership Owensboro Graduation on May 7, 2015. Leadership Owensboro is an Owensboro Chamber of Commerce program that focuses on educating and engaging individuals to maximize impact in the community. WKU Owensboro's Campus Evening Manager, Kevin Dorth was part of the 2015 graduating class.



NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

- Whitney Harper - WKU Owensboro, Social Work Faculty

- Pam Bradley – Writing Tutor

AWESOME ACHIEVEMENTS

- Social Work graduate, Jennifer Bowlds, received the WKU Owensboro Most Outstanding BSW Award. Social Work graduate, Jordan Milby, received recognition for maintaining a 4.0 GPA and was awarded the very prestigious Larry Hager Award through the Owensboro Rotary Club.



- WKU Owensboro graduate, Andrea Crabtree was inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma. Students ranking in the top 10 percent of the baccalaureate and top 20 percent of graduate programs at schools

accredited by AACSB International (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) are eligible for this invitation. Read more [here](#).



- Dr. Chandra Emani, WKU Owensboro biology faculty, received his first external research grant, the National Science

Foundation- Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (NSF-EPSCoR). The \$15,000 grant supports research to train two undergraduate students from our campus in research dealing with phytoremediation. The project relates to clearing salt water and crude oil contaminants from oil well sites by planting sorghum and pine plants at the sites and clearing the contaminated waters using the natural process of plant transpiration.

- Hanady Adam presented her research from the NSF grant-funded research at the annual International Conference of Plant Biologists conducted by the American Society of plant biology in Minneapolis. She will be interacting with scientists and researchers from over 70 countries in the conference. She will be presenting research on phytoremediation i.e, using plants to naturally dispose salt waste water and crude oil contaminants at oil sites.

- Jennifer Campbell won the \$3000 FUSE (Faculty Undergraduate Student Exchange) and \$1500 BSURE (Biology Summer Undergraduate Research Experience) grants with Dr. Emani as a faculty mentor. She is working in Dr. Emani's research project of using plants as alternative treatment options for cancer.

- Community interns were honored at the July Owensboro Chamber of Commerce Roster Booster Breakfast. Three WKU interns attended and were recognized

at the event. Six WKU Owensboro students completed internships within the Owensboro

community during the 2014-2015 academic year. (Pictured left to right - Jill Emerson, Lindsey Clark, Ashley Brown)



- WKU Owensboro student, Jill Emerson, was one of 57 WKU students to participate in [WKU LeaderShape](#) in Spring 2015. Read more [here](#).

DID YOU KNOW?

WKU has been offering courses in Owensboro since 1969.

CHAMPION'S CORNER



MEET: DR. CHANDRA EMANI, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PLANT MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

Job Description: I am the founder faculty member of biology at the WKU Owensboro campus and I teach courses in genetics, molecular biology, bioinformatics, biochemistry and evolution. I also conduct research with an emphasis on undergraduate research training. Currently I am working on using plant extracts from basil, ginger, tobacco, neem and ginseng as alternative treatment options for cancer and polycystic kidney disease. I also work on using sorghum and bamboo plants for biofuel production and pine and sorghum plants for cleaning up salt waste water and crude oil contaminants at oil sites. My job also entails me to be a liaison between WKU Owensboro and the area-wide biotechnology industries. The location of my lab at the Centre for Business and Research enables me to interact and collaborate with local biotech companies such as Kentucky Bioprocessing and Hollison Technologies, and the Owensboro Cancer research center.

Achievements: I recently was awarded a National Science Foundation research grant under the EPSCoR (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research) that enabled me to train two undergraduate students from our campus, Hanady Adam and Ginger Gilbert. Also, on multiple occasions I won research grants from the WKU Office of Research such as the RCAP and FUSE grants. I also won the Gatton Academy research grant to train a high school student in plant biotechnology research. In 2012, the WKU office of research presented me with an award recognizing me as the top research proposer at an extended campus. My research was featured in local and international press and more recently in a Sunday cover page article in Messenger-Inquirer and in the WKU NPR news.

What gets me excited about coming to work: The utmost satisfaction is to be able to ignite eager young minds in biology. Every semester, I get the chance to kindle the minds and excite them in biology concepts and research. Also, I write biweekly articles under the title of "Science in 10 minutes" for the Messenger-Inquirer newspaper to generate excitement in science among local community.

Most memorable moment(s) at WKU: The day my research was recognized across the nation after the Sunday cover page article in Messenger-Inquirer. The Associated Press picked it up and it was flashed across news sites both nationally and internationally. WKU NPR radio did a short spot in their program "All things considered."

Advice/words to live by: When I was kid, I read somewhere "Do not take the beaten track of yesteryears, instead walk through thorns and kick out a trail of your own." I do not know the origin of this quotation, but these are the words I live by. Also as Albert Einstein said, "It is not the fruits of research that elevate a man and enrich his nature, but the urge to UNDERSTAND." I consider myself a constant learner.



MEET: CHARLOTTE DIXON, ACADEMIC SERVICES COORDINATOR

Job description: Advising undergraduate students in all majors/minors we offer at WKU Owensboro. Because of our partnership with community colleges,

I am familiar with the coursework at the KCTCS institutions and their transfer equivalencies.

Achievements: - My highest achievement is to meet a new student, advise them throughout their educational journey and attend their graduation ceremony at WKU.

- In my 34 years of working with students at WKU Owensboro, I was proud to help set up transfer guides with OCTC which helps transfer students transition from one institution to another. These guides are posted on the websites and beneficial to students making course choices. The guides have been modified since their origin but still used today.

- Over the years, I have trained new advisors for the WKU Owensboro campus. It is gratifying to see new advisors grow and become efficient at what they do. Passing along the knowledge that I have learned in my work experience to others has always been a goal of mine.

What gets me excited about coming to work:

- Students and their success

- My co-workers and the relationships I have with them

- Processes that change in my job duties and the challenge they present

Most memorable moment(s) at WKU: I have many but maybe sitting at the first graduation ceremony in 2011 that our regional campus hosted. I was able to see the students that I advise accept their diplomas in person. I cried when I heard Pomp and Circumstance. I cried when the students processed in. I cried when the Star Spangled Banner was sung; and I cried when those tassels were moved from one side to another. A very memorable moment for me!

Advice/words to live by: As I look back on my career at WKU, I would say: Love your job and what you do or don't do it!



CHAT WITH THE CHANCELLOR

DR. EVELYN ELLIS

WKU Elizabethtown-Fort Knox
Regional Chancellor

Before the 2015-2016 academic year gets too far along, I want to thank EVERYONE who supported me during my first year as regional chancellor at Western Kentucky University Elizabethtown-Fort Knox. My transition to Kentucky has not only been one filled with wonderfully fond memories but has also been incredibly rewarding. When I became chancellor, one of my goals was to observe and listen intently to students, faculty, staff, community members, alumni, and other stakeholders, so I could *learn* as much as possible as quickly as possible. Without question,

this past year, I have learned a tremendous amount about the state of Kentucky in general and WKU in particular!

I am especially grateful to all of the faculty, staff, and others who have demonstrated their unrelenting commitment to academic excellence at WKU Elizabethtown-Fort Knox this year by personally traveling to both of our campuses for meetings; to provide specialized services to students, faculty, and staff; to attend such events as commencement; to deliver supplies and equipment; to inspect our facilities; to provide face-to-face training; and to provide us access to activities hosted on the Bowling Green, Glasgow, or Owensboro campuses via such special accommodations as the alteration of schedules, video recordings, Adobe Connect presentations, and IVS (interactive video service) delivery. A special “shout-out” goes to all of the faculty and staff members who endured the uncertainties of I-65 week after week, month after month, to ensure our students received high-quality, on-site instruction and academic support as well as student services that were second to none.

It has definitely been an exciting year for me as regional chancellor. It has also been a banner year for ALL of us at WKU Elizabethtown-Fort Knox with the release of the video, [WKU Regional Campuses—Reaching New Heights in the Region](#); our participation in 2014 WKU homecoming activities hosted at Bowling Green; the promotion to associate professor with tenure of one of our resident faculty members, Dr. Donielle Lovell, in the WKU Department of Sociology; the Fall 2015 admission of our former student, Ms. Jasmine Routon, into the doctoral program in Human Development and Family Studies at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; the completion of the first two of three WKU IVS classrooms at the Hardin County Early College and Career Center (EC3); the continued growth of our [joint](#)



SAVE THE DATE



Poker Walk

Wednesday, November 4th

Elizabethtown – Fort Knox Library & Student Body Association (SBA) will host its first Poker Walk around the WKU/ECTC campus. If you are interested in participating, please contact our office.



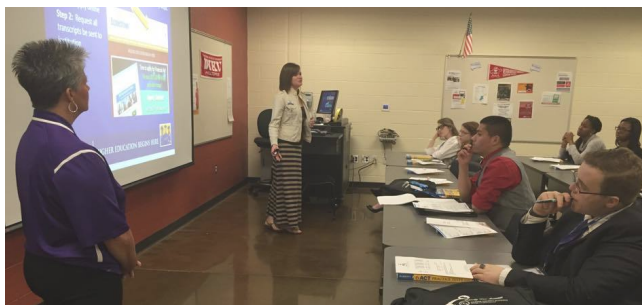
[admissions](#) program with our partner schools; the establishment of a *Weight Watchers at Work* on-site program; and the selection of Ms. Bea Cobb to serve on Kentucky's Military Collaborative on Military Credit

Committee (MCMC)—just to cite a few examples. Indeed, together all of us at WKU Elizabethtown-Fort Knox have been working extremely hard this past year to do our part to move our great university forward. As the 2015-2016 academic year progresses along, I look forward to another exciting and productive year at the helm of WKU Elizabethtown-Fort Knox. I feel truly honored to be able to serve our students, faculty, staff, and community members for another year. I will continue to work hard and deeply appreciate all that has already been done and will be done in the future to help WKU Elizabethtown-Fort Knox achieve its mission. My mantra for the 2015-2016 academic year is best expressed in the words of Henry Ford: "If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself." I look forward to remaining in the proverbial "trenches" as we anticipate another amazing year at WKU Elizabethtown-Fort Knox. Go, Hilltoppers!

CAMPUS NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are so-o-o excited and happy to report the Western Kentucky University, Elizabethtown-Fort Knox facilities, at the [Hardin County Early College and Career Center \(EC3\)](#) are now complete with two IVS classrooms, two regular classrooms, and an office suite. Without the support of everyone who



worked tirelessly to get us up and running, this wonderful new facility would not have been

possible. Words alone cannot adequately express our true appreciation. Please review the attached video prepared by Sondra Johnson and the WKU IT Department at WKU-Bowling Green to see how we are enjoying our new equipment, furnishings, and space! Thanks over and over again!

- Dr. Jacqueline Jenkins was appointed the new Education Service Officer (ESO), at [Fort Knox](#). In this position she will serve as the principal advisor and consultant for education services programs offered at Fort Knox within the State. Her primary responsibility is for the development, management, and administration of the aforementioned programs through budget management, personnel supervision, program management, policy development, and advisory services, as well as liaison between the military and civilian communities.



ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS



- WKU Elizabethtown – Fort Knox participated in Elizabethtown's 20th Annual Children's Fair with a beanbag toss game and informational

booth for parents. The event was sponsored by The Heart of Kentucky Realtors and WQXE/WULF Radio Stations. This free community event was for kids to come and enjoy games from local businesses. Big Red competed in Mascot Idol, and tied for first place!

- Ready for Success was a two-day career workshop and job fair for local high school students and recent graduates to better prepare individuals to start their career. This event was held at Hardin County's Early College & Career Center (EC3). Dozens of workshops were held including a, "How to Dress for Success Workshop" presented by Lana Kunkel, Assistant Director, with WKU's Center for Career and Professional Development. Students were also scheduled for mock interviews with WKU Elizabethtown – Fort Knox advisors Blake Butkovich and Gail Smallwood. Each student received a \$50 gift card from Kohl's Department Store and a copy of, "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens" workbook. Read more [here](#).



- WKU Elizabethtown – Fort Knox participated in Elizabethtown Community and Technical College's (ECTC) Second Annual Earth Fest on April 16th and 18th. This event was a community effort

designed to educate the public about sustaining the earth. The event included a variety of booths and exhibits that were set up focusing on earth-friendly products, services, technologies, and practices. Emily Bennett, WKU Elizabethtown office associate, and Gail Smallwood, academic advisor, communicated the importance of reducing carbon footprint via enrollment in IVS courses delivered at Elizabethtown and Fort Knox. Other planned activities included a showing of the documentary, *Bag It*, a tree planting, and a panel discussion about Kentucky's sustainability initiatives. Read more about this exciting event [here](#).

- Big Red helped raise awareness of premature birth and birth defects by cheering on all of the walkers participating in the March of Dimes Walk in Elizabethtown. Before the march began, Big Red joined the event's participants by stretching and attempting to do Zumba. March of Dimes is a nonprofit organization that helps support and educate families experiencing premature birth and birth defects. Additionally, this organization is known for researching and developing new ways to increase the number of babies that are born healthy.



- Stacey Carnes-Reyes penology class visited the Grayson County Detention Center and the Kentucky State Penitentiary during the fall semester.

NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

- JoNell Henderson, Assistant Professor of Family and Consumer Science
- Nicole Helm, Assistant Professor of Music

AWESOME ACHIEVEMENTS

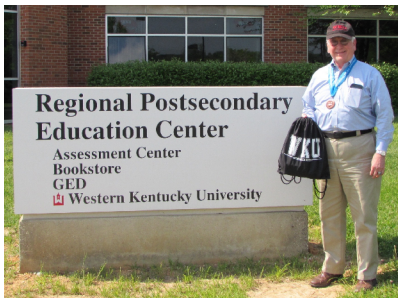


Anthony Paganelli, WKU Elizabethtown – Fort Knox Librarian, presented a music MakerSpace seminar at the WKU School of Teacher Education's annual summer conference on Friday, June 26th. The presentation introduced current and future educators to the importance of using MakerSpaces to teach STEM or STEAM initiatives. Participants had the opportunity to understand the significance MakerSpaces offer students to learn the cross disciplines while accomplishing a goal.



- Megan Richardson, a middle grades education graduate, received the Outstanding Middle Grades Education Undergraduate Student Award for WKU Elizabethtown – Fort Knox. Megan graduated this May at the WKU Elizabethtown-Fort Knox Commencement Ceremony and was just hired as a 6th grade teacher at James T. Alton School

in Vine Grove to teach reading, writing, and social studies.



- Sporting WKU attire, George Rasmussen, Associate Professor of Business Management, completed his first half marathon, the Flying Pig Marathon, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

-Three WKU Elizabethtown – Fort Knox work-study students graduated with their bachelor's degrees this semester. Each of



these students worked very rigorously in their positions on campus to assist their fellow classmates in pursuing their degrees. We are extremely proud of David Craig, Bachelor of Science in Systems Management; Megan Richardson, Bachelor of Science in Middle Grades Education; and Rachel Robinson, Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education.

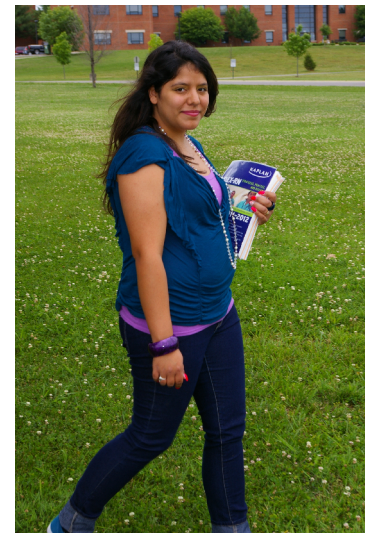


- Recently selected to serve as a member of Military Collaborative on Military Credit (MCMC), Ms. Bea Cobb, WKU Coordinator for Military Programs at Fort Knox is enthusiastically assuming her new role. Kentucky is one of only 13 states currently involved in the MCMC initiative

and has established the following four work groups to address issues related to academic credit awarded to military personnel : (1) Articulation of Credit; (2) Licensure and Certification, of which Ms. Cobb is a member; (3) Communication and Outreach; and (4) Data, Technology, and Systems. Ms. Cobb, a U.S. Army veteran and long-time employee of WKU, will be attending meetings in Frankfort as well as working with other committee members from afar to support the goals of the MCMC. Ms. Cobb is a two-time graduate of Western Kentucky University and is delighted to have the opportunity to contribute to such an important endeavor.

ALUMNI NOTES

WKU Elizabethtown – Fort Knox graduate, Jasmine Routon, has recently been accepted into the doctoral program in Human Development and Family Studies at the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign and will be starting classes this fall. Jasmine started earning her associate degree from ECTC, while taking dual credits at



WKU in Elizabethtown. Attending WKU at the Elizabethtown campus allowed her to begin working towards a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in sociology and a minor in sexuality studies. Without the opportunity to continue her education locally through Elizabethtown – Fort Knox, she would not have been able to pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree as she needed to stay close to family and work full time. Routon states, “After graduating from WKU in 2012, a highly dedicated professor encouraged me to continue my education even further.” Recently, a graduate from WKU once again, this time earning a Master of Arts in Sociology, Routon comments, “I have the WKU campus in Elizabethtown to thank for giving so many non-traditional students access to higher education; allowing them to fulfill goals and dreams without having to uproot their lives. I am proud to have attended WKU in Elizabethtown, for it has been the foundation to each educational endeavor since.”

DID YOU KNOW?

WKU Elizabethtown – Fort Knox established its first Student Body Association (SBA) this fall semester, under the sponsorship of Tony Paganelli, Part-Time Faculty Librarian, and James Prather, Psychology Instructor.

CHAMPION'S CORNER



MEET: KARL OLIVE, WKU PART-TIME ART INSTRUCTOR AND PRINCIPAL OF WEST POINT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

Job description: I oversee the day-to-day operations of the school as well as plan and provide for the long-term success of the students and viability of the school.

Achievements: So far this year, I wrote a rural schools professional development initiative grant that enabled West Point Independent School to receive training through the Kentucky Writing Project for the 2015-2016 school year. I recently co-authored an article on workplace bullying with Dr. Joe Cangemi (WKU) that was published in the *Organizational Development Journal*. Also, I presented with Carrie Gupton at the 2015 Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) Digital Symposiums in Bowling Green and Lexington on providing access and choice to close the achievement gap.

Most memorable moment(s) at WKU: Seeing a friend of mine light the gas kiln in the ceramics studio after the burners had kicked off during the initial warm-up. Unfortunately, he forgot to vent the kiln before he relit the pilot lights. Blew the door clean off the kiln and about 30 feet across the ceramics studio. Fortunately, he didn't hurt anyone--just scared the daylights out of everyone in the studio.

Advice/words to live by: Prior planning, perfect preparation, plus positive psyche prevent pitifully poor performance!



MEET: MARIA HICKS, WKU ELIZABETHTOWN -FORT KNOX ALUMNAE

Job title: 3rd Grade Teacher

Organization: Radcliff Elementary School, Radcliff

Major: Elementary Education

Job description: Work with teammates to develop and teach lessons that will help students grow and learn academically, as well as grow as a person.

Achievements: I am proud to be a WKU graduate. I worked hard in college and was on the Dean's List several times.

Most memorable moment(s) at WKU: My time at WKU as a whole was the most amazing time in my life. My most memorable experience was taking my picture for my student ID because I knew WKU was the right start for my future career. During classes at WKU Elizabethtown and Fort Knox, I made so many life-long friends that I cherish. I also learned so much from the amazing professors and I feel confident that I can tackle anything involved with my position now.

Why did you choose WKU Elizabethtown-Fort Knox?: I loved that WKU was offered close to my home. I was able to cut down on my student loans by earning my degree in my hometown. I was also able to work while I was in school. The staff at WKU Elizabethtown-Fort Knox were always helpful and knowledgeable. Once I met with them, I was certain I would be completing my degree in Elizabethtown and Fort Knox.

Advice/words to live by: If I had to give any advice it would be to work hard and always be positive. At times, I know that can be hard, but it will work out for the best.

